which throw all sorts of rubbish into the drains and block them, so much so that side drains are in some places on a higher level than the road surface. Any attempt to improve the defects in drainage is objected to by the house owners. So, the townsmen themselves are chiefly responsible for the existing condition of these roads.

(c) Even if these roads are metalled, they cannot be maintained in an efficient condition, unless the townspeople co-operate with the P. W. D. in removing the defects referred to above. The Pazhanji bazaar road is a Panchayat road from the year 1926.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

May I know how many times the house owners have objected?

Mr. V. K. ARAVINDAKSHA MENON.

During the maintenance season all the rubbish were cleared. They spoil them again. They always object to the improvement of the drain.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

Was it some time back?

Mr. V. K. ARAVINDAKSHA MENON.

During the last year.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

People are changing, as time is passing on.

PRESIDENT.

For better or for worse nobody knows.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

An enquiry must be made.

Mr. T. K. KRISHNA MENON.

We shall appoint a commission for that.

The extent of road in the Villages of Vallivattom and Padiyur.

Mr. O. R. CHUMMAR.

226. Will the Government be pleased to state

(i) How many miles of road there are now in the villages of Vallivattom and Padiyur;

(ii) Whether the Government have considered the necessity of constructing a road from Kattuchira to Olliyapuram-Mathilakam Ferry in Padiyur Village ;

(iii) How many petitions there were from the people for the purpose during the last six years ;

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(iv) Whether the Padiyur Panchayat has recommended the same?

Mr. V. K. ARAVINDAKSHA MENON.

(i) There is no public road maintained by Government in Vallivattom Village. In Padiyur Village there is a road nearly 3/4 mile long, viz., that portion of the Areepalam road from mile 2/2 to end.

(ii), (iii) and (iv). No information is available on these points. Even the Padiyur Panchayat is unable to say whether they have made any such recommendation.

Protection of the sea-board villages from sea erosion.

Mr. PAULO MAMPILLI.

227. (a) Will the Government be pleased to state if it has come to any decision regarding protecting the sea bo d villages from sea erosion?

(b) If any decision has been reached, will the Government kindly state what it is?

(c) If no decision has been reached, will the Government be pleased to come to some decision without delay?

Mr. V. K. ARAVINDAKSHA MENON.

(a) and (b) No. Government have been following the policy of safe-guarding places which are badly affected.

(c) It will be unwise to make any quick decision before getting sufficient data for which a great deal of experimenting and watching of results is necessary. A protective rib of granite would safeguard the entire coast. But the cost of construction and maintenance is so great that the present financial limitation does not permit its adoption.

Mr. POULO MAMPILLI.

May I know the places which have been already safeguarded?

Mr. V. K. ARAVINDAKSHA MENON.

Edavanakkad, some places in Kuzhuppalli and Ochanturuttu.

Mr. POULO MAMPILLI.

Are there no other places which are badly affected?

Mr. V. K. ARAVINDAKSHA MENON.

No.

Mr. POULO MAMPILLI.

May I know the probable cost of granite which would protect the entire cost?

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